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SUBJECT: ASIAN PEACE CONFERENCE

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SUMMARY: DESTRUCTION YESTERDAY DURING HARTAL OF VIETNAM MEMORIAL ERECTED IN FRONT OF EMBASSY BEING SEIZED ON BY COALITION OF AL- LINKED POLITICAL PARTIES AND FRONT GROUPS AS PROOF OF VAST DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL CONSPIRACY OF NAP/ B, USG, CHINA, AND PAKISTAN. AIM OF SAID CONSPIRACY IS TO DISRUPT AISAN PEACE CONFERENCE SCHEDULED BEGIN IN DACCA MAY 23, LOWER PRESTIGE BANGLADESH AND MUJIB, AND THREATEN BANGLADESH INDEPENDENCE. MASS RALLY CALLED FOR TODAY. END SUMMARY.

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1. DELEGATES FROM A PROJECTED 25 COUNTRIES ARE ARRIVING IN DACCA FOR THREE- DAY ASIAN PEACE CONFERENCE ( WORLD PEACE COUNCIL) AT WHICH MUJIB TOXBN YTARDED JOLIOT CURIE PEACE AWARD. IN EARLIER STATEMENTS, WORLD PEACE COUNCIL SECRETARY O. P. PALIWAL LISTED AMONG CONFERENCE TOPICS PEACE IN SUBCONTINENT, INDEPENDENCE IN INDO- CHINA, AND JUSTICE IN MIDDLE EAST. HE PRAISED THE INDO- BD JOINT DECLARATION AND CONDEMNED PAKISTAN REFUSAL RECORNIZE BD AND RELEASE STRANDED BENGALLEES. THIS WEEK- END MEMORIAL, FEATURING PICTURE OF HO CHI MINH AND PEACE DOVE IN RECOGNITION OF " BRAVERY AND INTREPID COURAGE OF VIETNAMESE PEOPLE," ERECTED ON TRAFFIC ISLAND IN ADAMJEE COURT IN FRONT OF EMBASSY AND PURBANI HOTEL WHERE VIETNAMESE CONFERENCE DELEGATION HOUSED. DURING HARTAL SMALL GROUP WRECKED MEMORIAL.

2. IN PRESS INTERVIEW LAST NIGHT, ABDUS SAMAD, PRESIDENT BANGLAESH PEACE COUNCIL AND MINSTER AGRICULTURE, SAID DESTRUCTION TARNISHED IMAGE OF NATION-- DEMONSTRATING THAT SOME COULD NOT TOLERATE SUCCESS OF CONFERENCE WHICH WOULD DO HONOR TO BANGLADESH-- AND CASTIGATED PAKISTAN FOR ANSWERING JOINT DECLARATION BY ARRESTING BENGALLEES AND INCREASING ITS ARMAMENTS.

3. A JOINT STATEMENT ISSUED BY EIGHT POLITICAL, YOUTH, STUDENT AND LABOR GROUPS INCLUDING AL, NAP/ M, AND BCP, ATTACKED BHASHANI AND ASSOCIATES FOR CONSPIRING LOWER BANGLADESH PRESTIGE AND JOINING GREATER CONSPIRACY AGAINST BD INDEPENDENCE UNDER GUISE OF CONCERN FOR PEOPLE' S WELFARE. STATEMENT ACCUSED NAP/ B OF DESTROYING VIETNAM MEMORIAL, BURNING PEACE CONFERENCE LEAFLETS AND DI GUPTING RAILROADS CARRYING FOODGRAINS.

4. STATEMENT ALSO ACCUSED IMPERIALIST CONSPIRATORS OF EARLIER SINKING SHIP CARRYING FOODGRAINS TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BANGLADESH. FYI: LOCAL WIRE SERVICE TODAY REPORTS BDG SUSPECTS PAKISTANI AGENTS OF HAVING SABOTAGED CARGO SHIP SPIROS CARRYING 9000 TONS RICE WHICH SANK ON HIGH SEAS MAY 15. END FYI.

5. ACCORDING STATEMENT, ASIAN PEACE CONFERENCE WOULD FURTHER STRENGTHEN WORLD SUPPORT FOR BANGLADESH

WHILE BHUTTO GOVERNMENT ISOLATED INTERNATIONALLY,  
NIXON GOVERNMENT WEAKENED BY WATERGATE, AND FAILURE  
OF MAO EXPOSED BY ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL CRISES.  
THUS THESE THREE AIMED TO TARNISH IMAGE OF MUJIB AND  
FOIL PEACE CONFERENCE.

6. COMMENT: ASIAN PEACE CONGERENCE WHICH HAD  
PREVIOUSLY SEEMD LIKELY GENERATE PRIMARILY  
STRONG ANTI- AMERICAN AND ANTI- PAKISTANI ORATORY  
NOW DOMESTIC POLITICAL ISSUE.  
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